# OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources,

Water and Land Resources Division File No. E98CT089

Proposed Ordinance No. 99-0034

Open Space Taxation (Public Benefit Rating System)
Application of **BRUCE & ELIZABETH ROBERTS** 

PO Box 1019 Corvalis, MT 59828

Location

of Property: 24909 NE 108<sup>th</sup> Street

Redmond, WA 98053-6208

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Department's Preliminary: Approve 3.81 acres for 20% of market value Approve 3.81 acres for 20% of market value Examiner: Approve 3.81 acres for 20% of market value

# PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

The Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division Preliminary Report on Item No. E98CT089 was received by the Examiner on February 15, 1999.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

After reviewing the Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division Report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a public hearing on the subject as follows:

The hearing on Item No. E98CT089 was opened by the Examiner at 1:30 p.m., March 1, 1999, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Union Bank of California Building, 900 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, and closed at 2:00 p.m.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes.

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A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the office of the King County Hearing Examiner.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATION: Having reviewed the record in this matter, the Examiner now makes and enters the following:

### FINDINGS:

1. General Information:

Owner: See "SUBJECT" above Location: See "SUBJECT" above

Zoning: RA10 RA10P

Acreage:

Property Total: 4.81 acres Subject to Application: 3.81 acres Recommended: 3.81 acres

STR: 35-26-06

Subject of Request:

Priority Resources: Aquifer protection area, surface water quality buffer area,

significant plant, wildlife, or salmonid habitat area, special

animal site.

Bonus Categories: Bonus surface water quality buffer area.

2. Except as modified herein, the facts set forth in the King County Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division Preliminary Report to the King County Hearing Examiner for the March 1, 1999, public hearing are found to be correct and are incorporated herein by this reference. Copies of the said Report will be attached to the copies of this Report submitted to the King County Council.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

- 1. Approval of current use valuation for 3.81 acres of the subject property, pursuant to the Public Benefit Rating System adopted by King County Ordinance No. 10511, would be consistent with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.
- 2. Timely application has been made to King County for the current use valuation of the subject property to begin in 2000. Notice of said application was given in the manner required by law.
- 3. The subject property contains priority open space resources and is entitled to bonus points pursuant to the King County Public Benefit Rating System, which justify a total award of 23 points. The resulting current use value is 20% of market value for 3.81 acres of the subject

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property.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE the request of Bruce & Elizabeth Roberts for current use valuation of 20% of market value for 3.81 acres of the subject property, subject to the conditions recommended in the Department of Natural Resources report for the March 1, 1999, public hearing.

Current use valuation shall be subject to all terms and conditions of RCW 84.34 and King County Code Chapter 20.36, as the same may be amended from time to time, and all regulations and rules duly adopted to implement state law and county ordinances pertaining to current use valuation.

RECOMMENDED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

James N. O'Connor
King County Hearing Examiner

TRANSMITTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999, to the parties and interested persons named below:

Bruce & Elizabeth Roberts

Ted Sullivan

Tom Beavers

Susan Monroe

Monica Clarke

Charlie Sundberg

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL AND ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED

In order to appeal the recommendation of the Examiner, written notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council with a fee of \$125.00 (check payable to King County Office of Finance) on or before April 7, 1999. If a notice of appeal is filed, the original and 6 copies of a written appeal statement specifying the basis for the appeal and argument in support of the appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the King County Council on or before April 14, 1999. Appeal statements may refer only to facts contained in the hearing record; new facts may not be presented on appeal.

Filing requires actual delivery to the Office of the Clerk of the Council, Room 403, King County Courthouse, prior to the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the date due. Prior mailing is not sufficient if actual receipt by the Clerk does not occur within the applicable time period. The Examiner does not have authority to extend the time period unless the Office of the Clerk is not open on the specified closing date, in which event delivery prior to the close of business on the next business day is sufficient to meet the filing requirement.

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If a written notice of appeal and filing fee are not filed within 14 days calendar days of the date of this report, or if a written appeal statement and argument are not filed within 21 calendar days of the date of this report, the Clerk of the Council shall place a proposed ordinance which implements the Examiner's recommended action on the agenda of the next available Council meeting. At that meeting, the Council may adopt the Examiner's recommendation, may defer action, may refer the matter to a Council committee, or may remand to the Examiner for further hearing or further consideration.

Action of the Council Final. The action of the Council on a recommendation of the Examiner shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty (20) days from the date of the action an aggrieved party or person applies for a writ of certiorari from the Superior Court in and for the County of King, State of Washington, for the purpose of review of the action taken.

# MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 1999 PUBLIC HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FILE NO. E98CT089- ROBERTS:

James N. O'Connor was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Participating in the hearing was Ted Sullivan.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

Exhibit No. 1 Not Offered

Exhibit No. 2 Not Offered

Exhibit No. 3 Not Offered

Exhibit No. 4 King County Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resource Division preliminary report to the Hearing Examiner for the March 1, 1999, public hearing

Exhibit No. 5 Legal notice to the County Council

Exhibit No. 6 Introductory ordinance to Council

Exhibit No. 7 Affidavit of Publication

Exhibit No. 8 Notification of hearing to Applicant

Exhibit No. 9 Signed/notarized application

Exhibit No. 10 Not Offered

Exhibit No. 11 Assessor map

Exhibit No. 12 King County situs report

Exhibit No. 13 King County assessors database

Exhibit No. 14 Site map (refer to exhibit #9)

Exhibit No. 15 Arcview map

Exhibit No. 16 Notice of Hearing from Office of Hearing Examiner

Exhibit No. 17 Area calculation of Jacobs parcel and excluded area using Greenbrier Graphics Deed Plotter

Exhibit No. 18 Site map of adjacent PBRS property

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